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Serial No.:	09/209,706	File Date:	12/11/98
Examiner:	Geoffrey L. Knable	Art Unit:	1733
For:	"Contact Metathesis Polymerization"		

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter
- ☒ A copy of the Amendment Accompanying a Request for Continuing Prosecution, originally filed on November 20, 2003, with corrected claim status identifiers, as requested.
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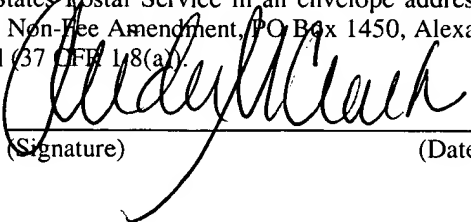
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Title:	"Contact Metathesis Polymerization"		

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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed November 24, 2003, please find enclosed a new copy of the Amendment Accompanying a Request for Continuing Prosecution, with corrected claim status identifiers, as requested.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me.

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUING
PROSECUTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, kindly amend the subject application according to the presented amended claims in the section which follows:

Claims 54, 56, 57, 59-83, 93, 94, 96, 98-102, 104-142, and 144-172 were pending. Claims 108, 109, 116, 147, 149, 151, 152, 156, 157, 161, 162, 163, 167, 168, and 172 are cancelled.

Claims 99, 104, 144, 145, 148, 153, 159, 160, 164, 170, and 171 are amended.

Applicants have amended the claims, and canceled subject matter without prejudice to file a subsequent application.

The claims were rejected under 35 USA 103(a) as unpatentable over WO97/38036 and/or US 5,491,206 (Brown-Wensley et al) in view of Lesser (US 2,978,354), Cole (US 3,485,655), Kriebel (US 2,901,099) and EP 424,233. The rejection is traversed.

In the rejection, it was noted that the method as applied to any substrate is held prima facie obvious on the basis that it is well known in the art (not including metathesis catalysis) to provide catalyst at a substrate surface, and that EP 833 provides sufficient evidence to provide a reasonable expectation that the reaction would be catalyzed. Applicants point out there is no teaching, suggestion or expectation of the surprising results when treating a metal substrate with metathesis catalyst and contacting this surface with metathesizable material beyond merely catalyzing the reaction. The evidence presented shows a substantial and unexpected improvement in the adhesion of the metathesis polymer formed when the polymer is synthesized from the surface of the metal substrate, rather than within the bulk of the metathesizable material, and this provides enhanced usefulness for protective coatings on metal substrates.

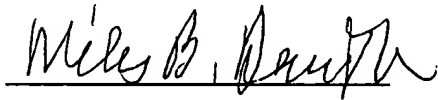
Applicants' evidence of surprising and substantial improvement in adhesion in comparison to premixing catalyst with metathesizable material is a patentable distinction.

Data in the specification also show a variety of metals are significantly adhered to. Examples 27-31 show similar improvement in adhesion to such substrates as stainless steel, aluminum. The support shown is believed commensurate with the scope of the claims presented.

Miscellaneous

Examiner is authorized to charge deposit account 12-2143 the amount required for a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections and allowance of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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